

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The below listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and all prior listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A seat adapted for use in a vehicle having a floor and a roof, comprising:

- a central pillar extending from the floor to the roof of the vehicle;
- a center support extending forwardly from said central pillar;
- a lower rib extend laterally from said center support;
- a seat bottom directly fixed to and supported by said lower rib;
- a primary intermediate rib extending laterally from said central pillar; and
- a seat back fixed to and supported by said intermediate rib.

2. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 1, further comprising:

- an upper rib extending laterally from said central pillar above said intermediate rib; and
- a headrest fixed to and supported by said upper rib.

3. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 2 further comprising:

- a secondary intermediate rib extending laterally from said central pillar and also fixed to and supporting said seat back.

4. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 1, wherein said central pillar includes a support member extending forwardly from an upper portion thereof and fixed to the roof of the vehicle.

5. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 1, wherein said primary intermediate and upper ribs are adjustable along said central pillar.

6. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 1, wherein said seat back includes a grab handle on an outer edge thereof, nearest a door of the vehicle.

7. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 1, further comprising:
a secondary intermediate rib extending laterally from said pillar and also fixed to and supporting said seat back, said seat back including a grab handle disposed on an outer edge thereof, nearest a door of the vehicle, wherein said grab handle has opposing ends, each end supported by one of said intermediate ribs.

8. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 1, wherein said seat is a front seat of the vehicle.

9. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 1, further comprising a hand brake lever supported by and extending from a forward end of said center support.

10. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 1, wherein said seat bottom has an opening at a central front portion thereof.

11. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 10, wherein said opening is covered with a mesh like fabric.

12. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 1, wherein said seat back has an opening at a central top portion thereof.

13. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 12, wherein said opening is covered with a mesh like fabric.

14. (Currently Amended) A pair of seats for a vehicle having a floor and a roof, comprising:

a central pillar extending from the floor to the roof of the vehicle;

a center support extending forwardly from said central pillar;

left and right lower ribs extending outwardly from said center support;

a pair of seat bottoms, each seat bottom directly fixed to and supported by each one of said lower ribs;

left and right primary intermediate ribs extending outwardly from said center pillar; and

left and right seat backs fixed to and supported by said respective left and right intermediate ribs.

15. (Original) The pair of seats for a vehicle of claim 14, further comprising:

left and right upper ribs extending outwardly from said central pillar; and

left and right headrests fixed to and supported by said respective left and right upper ribs.

16. (Original) The pair of seats for a vehicle of claim 14, further comprising:

secondary left and right intermediate ribs extending outwardly from said central pillar and spaced apart downwardly therefrom, each of said secondary left and right intermediate ribs also fixed to and supporting said respective left and right seat backs.

17. (Original) The pair of seats for a vehicle of claim 16, further comprising:

left and right upper ribs extending outwardly from said central pillar; and

left and right headrests fixed to and supported by said respective left and right upper ribs.

18. (Currently Amended) The pair of ~~seat~~seats for a vehicle of claim 16, further comprising left and right grab handles, each formed on an outer edge of said respective left and right seat backs.

19. (Original) The pair of seats for a vehicle of claim 18, wherein each of said left and right grab handles has opposing ends, each end supported by one of said respective left or right intermediate ribs.

20. (Original) The pair of seats for a vehicle of claim 14, wherein said pair of seats are front seats of the vehicle.

21. (Previously Presented) A pair of seats for a motor vehicle having a roof and a floor, comprising:

a central pillar extending from the floor to the roof of the motor vehicle;

a center support extending forwardly substantially along a center line of the motor vehicle;

left and right lower ribs extending outwardly from said center support on opposite sides thereof;

left and right seats fixed to and supported by said respective left and right lower ribs;

left and right primary intermediate ribs extending outwardly from said central pillar, on opposite sides thereof;

left and right secondary intermediate ribs extending outwardly from said central pillar, on opposite sides thereof, and spaced from said respective left and right primary intermediate ribs, downwardly along said central pillar;

left and right upper ribs extending outwardly from said central pillar, on opposite sides thereof; and

left and right headrests fixed to and supported by said respective left and right upper ribs.

22. (Original) The pair of front seats for a motor vehicle of claim 21, further comprising:

left and right grab handles, each disposed on an outer edge of said respective left and right seat backs.

23. (Original) The pair of front seats for a motor vehicle of claim 22, wherein said left and right grab handles each has opposing ends, wherein each end of each grab handle is supported by a corresponding one of said primary and secondary intermediate ribs.

24. (Original) The pair of front seats for a motor vehicle of claim 21, further comprising a hand brake lever supported by and extending from a forward end of said center support.

25. (Currently Amended) A seat adapted for use in a vehicle having a floor and a roof, comprising:

a central pillar extending from the floor to the roof of the vehicle;

a lower rib extend laterally from said central pillar;

a seat bottom fixed to and supported by said lower rib;

a primary intermediate rib extending laterally from said central pillar; and
a seat back fixed to and supported by said intermediate rib.

26. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 25, further comprising:

an upper rib extending laterally from said central pillar above said intermediate rib; and
a headrest fixed to and supported by said upper rib.

27. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 25 further comprising;

a secondary intermediate rib extending laterally from said central pillar and also fixed to
and supporting said seat back.

28. (Currently Amended) A seat adapted for use in a vehicle having a floor and a roof,
comprising:

a pillar extending from the floor to the roof of the vehicle;
a center support extending forwardly from said pillar;
a lower rib extend laterally from said center support;
a seat bottom fixed to and supported by said lower rib;
a primary intermediate rib extending laterally from said pillar; and
a seat back fixed to and supported by said intermediate rib.

29. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 28, further comprising:

an upper rib extending laterally from said pillar above said intermediate rib; and

a headrest fixed to and supported by said upper rib.

30. (Original) The seat for a vehicle of claim 29, further comprising:

a secondary intermediate rib extending laterally from said pillar and also fixed to and supporting said seat back.